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Dear Commissioner Forese,

I am sending this email to you to voice my concern over TEP putting the way net metering is handled in this docket instead of where it belongs in a rate case. My big concern is the future of the state of Arizona and our potential for being a renewable energy state. In this docket not only is TEP requesting to charge more to future solar customers, but they are requesting to change the net metering process for residential and commercial customers with solar. Currently, there is a one to one exchange of kilowatt hours (kWh's). So if a customer produces more than they use in any month, they can roll those kWh's over to the next month when there may be less than they have produced. It currently is zeroed out in October. TEP claims that it costs them to keep up the grid and infrastructure and the solar customers are not paying for that. That is incorrect in two ways. One, customers continue to pay connectivity fees for that very reason. Two, utilities are required to have Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) in order to meet the federal Clean Air Act. When a customer takes on the purchase, maintenance, interest on any loans, and liability of a solar array on their property, TEP has them sign over all REC's. This benefits TEP in many ways; TEP gets the REC's, the customer takes on ALL the costs associated with those REC's (that TEP is required to continue to accumulate). If TEP puts up their own residential rooftop solar, they take on the costs, maintenance, replacement, interest on loans, etc. If they add utility scale solar projects to their books, they take on all the costs, maintenance, replacement, interest, etc associated with the project including land acquisition. Who ends up paying for all of those costs? TEP customers in the form of future rate hikes.

It is MUCH less expensive for the utilities to allow those burdensome costs to be taken on by the individual residential and commercial owners! Please, we do NOT want Arizona to look stupid. As a Corporation Commissioner, I would think you would want to attract CORPORATIONS and businesses to relocate and build plants and businesses here in Arizona. Arizona is the perfect place for solar manufacturers as well! This would provide good, high-paying jobs to our citizens and/or entice new workers to our state. If the utilities are allowed to tariff net metering and charge solar customers MORE than they currently do, our state will not only look stupid, but it will hurt the growth of Arizona.

Please make the right decision and NOT allow TEP and the other utilities to push through these harmful tariffs and charges.

Thank you,
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